

REMARKS

Claims 1-77 remain pending in this application. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled by this Response.

Provisional Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Withdrawal of the provisional statutory double-patenting rejection of present claims 1-77 under 35 U.S.C. §101 in view of claims 1-77 of co-pending application serial no. 10/710,948 is requested.

Co-pending application 10/710,948 has been expressly abandoned by a concurrent request filed on the date of this Response, thus rendering the rejection moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22171-00019-US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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